

Appl. No. 10/727,457
Atty. Docket No. 8601MC
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Reply to Office Action of 06/02/2004
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Office Action asserts that on page 1, the title of the invention fails to correspond with that given in the declaration. Applicants refer Examiner to the new declaration included herewith, which reflects the amended title of the invention.

Applicants request that the specification be amended as follows:

Please remove bold-face type and underlining from the title. Please remove underlining from the section headings on pages 1 and 3.

On page 2, lines 18 - 19: "The fluid storage layer according to the invention may comprise ~~batting, sponge or foam~~ batting, sponge, foam and combinations thereof. Advantageously, [[it]] the batting may itself comprise viscose fibers."

On page 2, line 29: "... different materials selected from woven materials, non-woven materials, natural or ~~synthetic~~ synthetic sponge,"

On page 3, line 1, please insert a period, to read: "...of solution, crystallisation, an electrical heating element or a mixture of these. Alternatively"

On page 3, line 5, please insert a comma, to read: "containing a catalyst and a separate reactant chamber containing a reactant, the chambers being"

On page 3, lines 9-10: "... comprising the steps of holding the disposable applicator ~~according to any one of the preceding claims described in any of the above aspects~~, and wiping it onto the skin."

On page 3, line 16: "Figs. 1A, 1B and 2 illustrate embodiments of the present invention... ."

On page 3, line 25: "As used herein, "disposable""

On page 5, line 25: "HEF (hydro-entangled fabric) 40-047, an apertured hydroentangled material... ."

On page 6, line 13, please insert a space between "employed" and "having" to read as follows: "In another embodiment, an apertured laminate web may be employed having first... ."

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On page 6, lines 22-25: "~~See~~ See Hampel et al., ~~The Encyclopedia of Chemistry~~ The Encyclopedia of Chemistry, third edition, 1973, 3rd Ed., pp. 793-795 (1973); ~~The Encyclopedia Americana~~ The Encyclopedia Americana, vol. 21, pp. 376-383 (1984); and G.A. Smook, ~~Handbook of Pulp and Paper Technologies~~ Handbook of Pulp and Paper Technologies, Technical Association for the Pulp and Paper Industry (1986)."

On page 2, line 16: "hydroapertured film of LDPE with 1% ATMER™ (anti-static agent) ~~Atmer~~ and 0.8 gsm (grams per square meter) silicone coating... ."

On page 16, line 34: "(the plant genus/species ~~Glycyrrhiza glabra~~ Glycyrrhiza glabra)."

On page 18, lines 21-22: "Sagarin, ~~Cosmetics, Science and Technology~~ Cosmetics, Science and Technology, 2nd Edition, Vol. 1, pp. 32-43 (1972)."

On page 22, line 28: "McCutcheon's, ~~Detergents and Emulsifiers~~ Detergents and Emulsifiers, North American Edition (1986)."

On page 7, line 3: "... selected from Novonet 149-616, Corovin LLDPE (linear low-density polyethylene)" Applicants submit that defining the term when initially used is sufficient to apply to all subsequent use of the term.

On page 7, line 4: "SAN, PP/Rayon Polypropylene (PP)/Rayon mixtures supplied by Suominen and DEC."

On page 7, lines 34-35 and on page 8, lines 1 and 4, please insert the trademark designation after "DRI-WEAVE" and "CLIFF" to read "DRI-WEAVE™ and CLIFF™."

On page 8, line 2, please insert the definition of "LDPE" to read: "Hydroapertured formed film, LDPE (low-density polyethylene) with 1% ATMER™ (Uniquema)". Applicants submit that defining the term when initially used is sufficient to apply to all subsequent use of the term.

On page 8, line 3, please insert a period as indicated: "0.8gsm Si coating."

On page 8, line 7, please insert a period as indicated: "100 and 0.8 gsm Si coating."

On page 8, line 14, please insert an "a" as indicated to read: "'lofty" means that the layer has a density."

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On page 9, line 8: "... polyolefins having a T_g (glass transition phase) of at least about 10°C higher... ." Applicants submit that defining the term when initially used is sufficient to apply to all subsequent use of the term.

On page 10, line 21, please insert "a" as indicated to read: "... by a permeable membrane."

On page 10, line 26: "...support structure such as a thin layer of PET (polyethylene terephthalate), nylon, or polypropylene."

On page 12, line 23: "~~Affinity~~[®] AFFINITY[®]."

On page 12, line 24: "~~Exact~~[®] EXACT[®] polyolefin elastomers."

On page 14, line 3: "With reference to ~~Fig. 1~~ Figs. 1A and 1B, an embodiment..."

On page 14, line 9: "(304) of about 5 mm diameter punched in it."

On page 14, line 33: "... and further layer (356) is the fluid (330) storage layer (~~330~~)."

On page 23, line 10: "... containing a surfactant (HLB, or hydrophilic lipophilic balance, of from about 7 to about 10)"

On page 24, lines 20 -21: "Other particulates useful herein include ~~Orgasol~~ORGASOL[®], ~~Nylon-Poly~~NYLON POLY[®], ~~Dry-Flo-Plus~~DRY-FLO PLUS[®]"

On page 24, lines 30-34 and page 25, line 1: "Etsu (KSG-15, 16, 18[™] [dimethicone /phenyl vinyl dimethicone crosspolymer]), and Grant Industries (~~Gransil~~GRANISIL[™] line of materials), and KSG[™] lauryl dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymers supplied by Shin Etsu (e.g., KSG-31, KSG-32, KSG-41, KSG-42, KSG-43, and KSG-44). Organopolysiloxanes containing a polyoxyethylenated and/or polyoxypropylenated chain are marketed by Shin-Etsu under the name KSG21, KSG31, KSG31x and KSG32 or by Dow Corning under the name DC 9011[™]."

On page 25, line 10, please clarify the term "MW" and amend to read as follows: "...including propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol (e.g. of MW 200-600), polypropylene glycol (e.g. of MW 425-2025), glycerol, butylene glycol, 1,2,4-butanetriol, sorbitol esters,

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1,2,6-hexanetriol, ethanol, iso-propanol, sorbitol esters, ethoxylated ethers, propoxylated ethers and combinations thereof, where MW means the average molecular weight."

Please amend page 14, lines 14-15 to read: "In the current embodiment, zone (320) is a chamber (358) containing a catalyst... ." Antecedent basis for this amendment is found in the amended drawings.

Please amend page 14, line 25, to read: "With reference to Fig. 2, a further embodiment of the present invention (366) is illustrated" Antecedent basis for this amendment is found in the amended drawings.

Please amend page 14, line 33 of the specification to read as follows: "Fluid impermeable layer (352) is permanently sealed (354) around the perimeter." Antecedent basis for this amendment is found in the amended drawings.

Please amend page 15, line 10, to read: "The entire construction may have a hand containment strap (370) or hood" Antecedent basis for this amendment is found in the amended drawings.